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6 March 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 6 March 1969



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*DD/I provided the Director a memorandum on European reaction to the President's recent visit. The Director asked that it be given the usual distribution and that the DD/I prepare for his signature a personal transmittal note to the President and Mr. Kissinger.

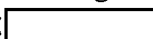

Godfrey reported that Berlin is quieting down and that Marshal Yakubovsky is going home today.

Godfrey called attention to the most recent hijacking of a plane to Cuba and noted that this was the first case in which the Cuban authorities publicized the fact that the hijacker had been arrested.

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Godfrey called attention to mixed reporting since late February indicating that there is some power struggle going on within Syria and suggesting some behind-the-scenes coup plotting. He observed that the reporting is too spotty to support the production of an intelligence item at this time.

Godfrey observed that Secretary Laird will be arriving in Saigon today, and the DD/I noted that the Secretary will be receiving   material, during the course of his visit.

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D/ONE anticipates no major problems with the two Estimates being considered today but noted that State may have some problem with the Conclusions on the Communist China and Asia Estimate. He noted that George Denney will represent State.

Carver reported that he attended a briefing arranged by [REDACTED]

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Carver reported that Major General Freund, SACSA, will be visiting Headquarters today to discuss Agency phaseout of the RD and PHOENIX programs.

Maury observed that Congressman Pike has apparently not yet issued a press release following the Director's appearance before his Pueblo subcommittee yesterday. He noted that General Steakley will testify today.

Maury reported that the Director is scheduled to appear on 13 March before the full Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee and that the Subcommittee's interests include the Director's testimony on the ABM, the ICBM, the Middle East, Africa, Peru, Berlin, and the Spanish base problem.

Maury related that, according to Ed Braswell, Senator Ervin was not impressed with CIA's presentation and opposition to the Ervin bill because it lacked specificity and that the Senator is therefore expected to write to the Director requesting clarification. Maury noted that this may be an attempt on the Senator's part to avoid responding to the Director's initiative in requesting a closed hearing before the Senator's committee. Maury noted that Congressman Henderson is writing a bill as he did last year which will give CIA full exemption. The Executive Director called attention to Senator Ervin's appearance on television last night in which, among other things, he noted that his bill would put a stop to the Justice Department's new time accounting system for lawyers.

Maury noted that, according to [REDACTED] most of the material used by Senator Jackson on last Sunday's Meet the Press was provided by the Pentagon.

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*Maury reported receipt of a call from Carl Marcy of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff inquiring about [REDACTED]

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